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James M Lekas
Lexco, Inc.
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Re: Request for Additional Information, Lexco Inc., Cottonwood Mine, S/047/064, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Lekas:

On August 23, 2001 the Division received a copy of the BLM letter to you regarding their conditions of approval for the minor modification of the mining plan for the Cottonwood Mine on federal gilsonite lease UTU-072699, which they received on April 26, 2001. The amended plan has not been received by the Division.

The Division initially approved this operation as a small mine notice on December 20, 1995. The initial notice proposed up to 2.2 acres of surface disturbance. In April 21, 1998, we approved an additional .5 acres of disturbance associated with another drilling program.

The letter received from the BLM in August referenced drilling thirteen angle & three vertical holes, to establish the location, thickness and ore grade prior to future mine planning. Because this plan has not been reviewed by this office, additional disturbances associated with the latest amendment cannot be ascertained at this time.

Please provide this document as soon as possible to expedite this review. Facilitation of this plan is not allowed until we have reviewed the plan and you have received written acceptance from this Division.

If you have any questions please contact me at (801) 538-5382.

Sincerely,

Doug Jensen
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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cc: Stan Perkes, BLM State Office
Pete Sokolosky, BLM Vernal Field Office

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